



Waller Creek Trail and Park Improvements

Summary

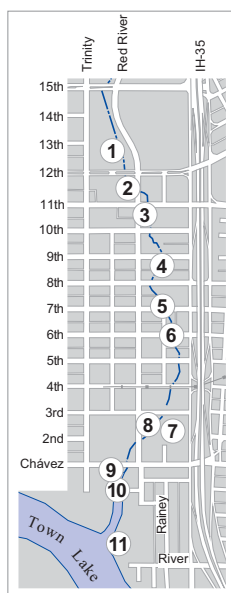
The Parks and Recreation Department has begun a project to improve several sections of the lower Waller Creek corridor in downtown.

Status

Waterloo Park:	Project Complete
Symphony Square:	Project complete
Doyle House Ramp:	Project complete
Ninth Street Ramp:	Project complete
Seventh Street Lighting:	Project complete
Sixth Street Gate:	Project complete
Palm Park:	Project complete
Trask House:	Project complete
Town Lake and Waller Creek	Project complete
Cesar Chavez:	No construction yet; re-design underway

Description

The following is a summary of the individual sites that are undergoing change:



- 1) At this non-wheelchair accessible stretch of the creek in Waterloo Park the existing sidewalks will be removed and walkways will be revised to insure access.
- 2) West of Symphony Square, south of Twelfth Street, the design calls for adding a low-water crossing and steps leading from the parking lot to the creek.
- 3) At the Doyle House the ramp will be made accessible, benches will be replaced and a water fountain replaced.
- 4) Just south of Ninth Street a ramp will be widened to conform to code and insure accessibility to the trail which, at this point, comes from creek level to street level.
- 5) Lighting will be placed underneath the Seventh Street Bridge.
- 6) To improve security, lockable gates will be installed on the existing Sixth Street tunnel which will be locked at night.
- 7) Improvements to Palm Park feature a new water fountain and picnic tables.
- 8) East of the Trask House additional trail, landscaping and benches will follow Waller Creek at street level to Third Street.
- 9) A rest area will be located south of the Convention Center.
- 10) A pedestrian bridge will be constructed just south of César Chávez, thereby making the trail continuous throughout.
- 11) A rest area will be created as well as kiosk improvements at the intersection of Town Lake and the mouth of Waller Creek.

New signage between Waterloo Park and Town Lake includes seven kiosks featuring maps of the trail, as well as signage on bridges with street identification and directions to landmarks (Symphony Square, Waterloo Park, Convention Center, etc.)

Basic Data

Project Manager:	Mike Brownlee, Parks and Recreation Department, 440-5156
Construction Cost:	\$1,036,000
Construction Start:	August, 1998
Construction Completion:	Spring 2002